

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1.(currently amended) A method of sorting e-mail, comprising:
receiving an e-mail from an e-mail source;
identifying whether the e-mail has a vendor registration code for identifying a vendor from whom the e-mail was forwarded;
identifying whether the e-mail has a vendor registration purpose code for identifying the purpose of the e-mail; and
if the e-mail has a vendor registration code that was previously assigned to the e-mail source and the e-mail has a vendor registration purpose code that was previously assigned to the e-mail source, presenting the e-mail with other e-mails having vendor registration codes.
2. (canceled) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of identifying whether the e-mail has a vendor registration code further comprises identifying whether the e-mail has a vendor registration purpose code for identifying the purpose of the e-mail.
3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 ~~2~~, wherein said step of presenting the e-mail with other e-mails having vendor registration codes further comprises presenting the e-mail with other e-mails having the same vendor registration code and vendor registration purpose code.
4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of identifying whether the e-mail has a registration code further comprises identifying the username from which the e-mail was forwarded and the source from which the e-mail was forwarded.
5. (original) The method of claim 4, further comprising identifying whether the username and source identify a valid contact; and
if the username and source identify a valid contact, presenting the e-mail with other e-mails having a username and source identifying a valid contact.

6. (original) The method of claim 5, further comprising identifying a source category corresponding to the source identified for the e-mail; and presenting the e-mail along with others that were received from the source category.

7. (original) A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions thereon for implementing the method of claim 1.

8. (currently amended) A method of sorting e-mails, comprising:
receiving an e-mail from an e-mail source;
if the e-mail is from a source that is identified in a contact list, presenting the e-mail with other e-mails received from sources identified in the contact list; and
if the e-mail has a vendor registration code that was previously assigned to the e-mail source and the e-mail has a vendor registration purpose code that was previously assigned to the e-mail source ~~is from a source that is registered to forward e-mails~~, presenting the e-mail with other e-mails received from sources registered to forward e-mails.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising:
if the e-mail is not from a source that is identified in a contact list and the e-mail does not have a vendor registration code that was previously assigned to the e-mail source ~~not from a source that is registered to forward e-mails~~, presenting the e-mail with other e-mails that are not from a source that is identified in a contact list and do not have a vendor registration code that was previously assigned to the e-mail source ~~not from a source that is registered to forward e-mails~~.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein presenting the e-mail with other e-mails that are not from a source that is identified in a contact list and do not have a vendor registration code that was previously assigned to the e-mail source ~~not from a source that is registered to forward e-mails~~ comprises presenting the e-mail with other e-mails from the same source category.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising parsing the e-mail to identify at least one of the following: a username from whom the e-mail was forwarded; and a source from which the e-mail was forwarded; ~~a vendor registration code;~~
~~and a vendor registration purpose code.~~

12. (original) The method of claim 11, further comprising comparing the username and source to the contact list to determine if the e-mail is from a source that is identified in the contact list.

13. (canceled) The method of claim 11, further comprising determining using the vendor registration code whether the e-mail is from a source registered to forward e-mails.

14. (canceled) The method of claim 13, further comprising determining using the vendor registration purpose code whether the e-mail is from a source registered to forward e-mails.

15. (original) A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions stored thereon for performing the method recited in claim 8.

16. (currently amended) A method of registering an e-mail source to forward e-mail to a user, comprising:

storing a vendor registration code for the e-mail source;

storing a vendor registration purpose code for the e-mail source;

forwarding the vendor registration code to the e-mail source;

forwarding the vendor registration purpose code to the e-mail source; and

if an e-mail is received from the e-mail source having the vendor registration code and
vendor registration purpose code therein, presenting the e-mail with other e-mails having a vendor registration code.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising:

~~storing a vendor registration purpose code for the e-mail source;~~

~~forwarding the vendor registration purpose code to the e-mail source; and~~
~~if an e-mail is received from the source having the vendor registration purpose code~~
~~therein,~~ presenting the e-mail with other e-mails having a vendor registration code and the vendor registration purpose code.

18. (currently amended) A system for sorting e-mails, comprising:
a memory; and
a processor,
wherein said processor is operable to perform the following acts:
receive an indication that an e-mail has been received from an e-mail source;
if the e-mail source ~~is from a source that~~ is identified in a contact list, presenting the e-mail with other e-mails received from sources identified in the contact list; and
if the e-mail is has a vendor registration code that was previously assigned to the e-mail source and the e-mail has a vendor registration purpose code that was previously assigned to the e-mail source ~~from a source that is registered to forward e-mails~~, presenting the e-mail with other e-mails received from sources registered to forward e-mails.

19. (currently amended) The system of claim 18, wherein said processor is operable to perform the following act:
if the e-mail source is not ~~from a source that~~ is identified in a contact list and not from a source that is registered to forward e-mails, presenting the e-mail with other e-mails that are not from a source that is identified in a contact list and not from a source that is registered to forward e-mails.

20. (currently amended) The system method of claim 19, wherein said processor is operable to perform the following act:
presenting the e-mail with other e-mails that are not from a source that is identified in a contact list and not from a source that is registered to forward e-mails comprises presenting the e-mail with other e-mails from the same source category.

21. (new) A method of sorting e-mails, comprising:

receiving an e-mail from an e-mail source; and
if the e-mail has a vendor registration code that was previously assigned to the e-mail source and the e-mail has a vendor registration purpose code that was previously assigned to the e-mail source, presenting the e-mail with other e-mails received from sources registered to forward e-mails.

22. (new) The method of claim 21, further comprising:
if the e-mail does not have a vendor registration code, presenting the e-mail with other e-mails that are not from a source that is registered to forward e-mails.

23. (new) The method of claim 22, wherein presenting the e-mail with other e-mails that are not from a source that is registered to forward e-mails comprises presenting the e-mail with other e-mails from the same source category.

24. (new) The method of claim 22, further comprising parsing the e-mail to identify at least one of the following: a username from whom the e-mail was forwarded; and a source from which the e-mail was forwarded.